

CLAIMS

1. A virtual presence architecture (VPA) between a host computer and a remote computer comprising:
 - a virtual presence server installed inside said host computer and utilizing electronically only said host computer's power source; and
 - a virtual presence client communicating with said host computer through said virtual presence server to provide a virtual presence on said remote computer.
2. The VPA of claim 1, wherein said virtual presence server is a PCI card installed in a PCI slot of said host computer.
3. The VPA of claim 1, wherein said virtual presence server includes a connector that connects to a video graphics card, keyboard and mouse of said host and provides connections for the corresponding devices to be connected and looped through to said host.
4. The VPA of claim 1, wherein said virtual presence server includes an external power connection so that it can monitor the power status of said host.
5. The VPA of claim 1, wherein said virtual presence server uses only power, ground, and a physical PCI slot of the host computer.
6. The VPA of claim 1, wherein said virtual presence server does not interfere with the processing of said host CPU.
7. A virtual presence architecture (VPA) comprising:
 - a host computer;
 - means for establishing a virtual presence server installed inside said host; and

means for establishing a virtual presence client communicating with said host computer to provide a virtual presence solution.

8. A method of providing virtual presence, comprising:
 - identifying a host computer;
 - identifying a remote computer;
 - installing a virtual presence server (VPS) in said host computer;
 - installing a virtual presence client (VPC) in said remote computer; and
 - sending data between said host computer and said client computer in order to establish a virtual presence on said host computer.
9. The method of claim 8, further wherein the VPS is a PCI card installed in the host computer.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the VPS uses only power, ground, and a PCI slot of the host computer.
11. The method of claim 8, wherein the VPS connects to a video graphics card, keyboard and mouse of the host and provides connections for the corresponding devices to be connected and looped through to the host.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the VPC is implemented entirely in software installed on said remote computer.